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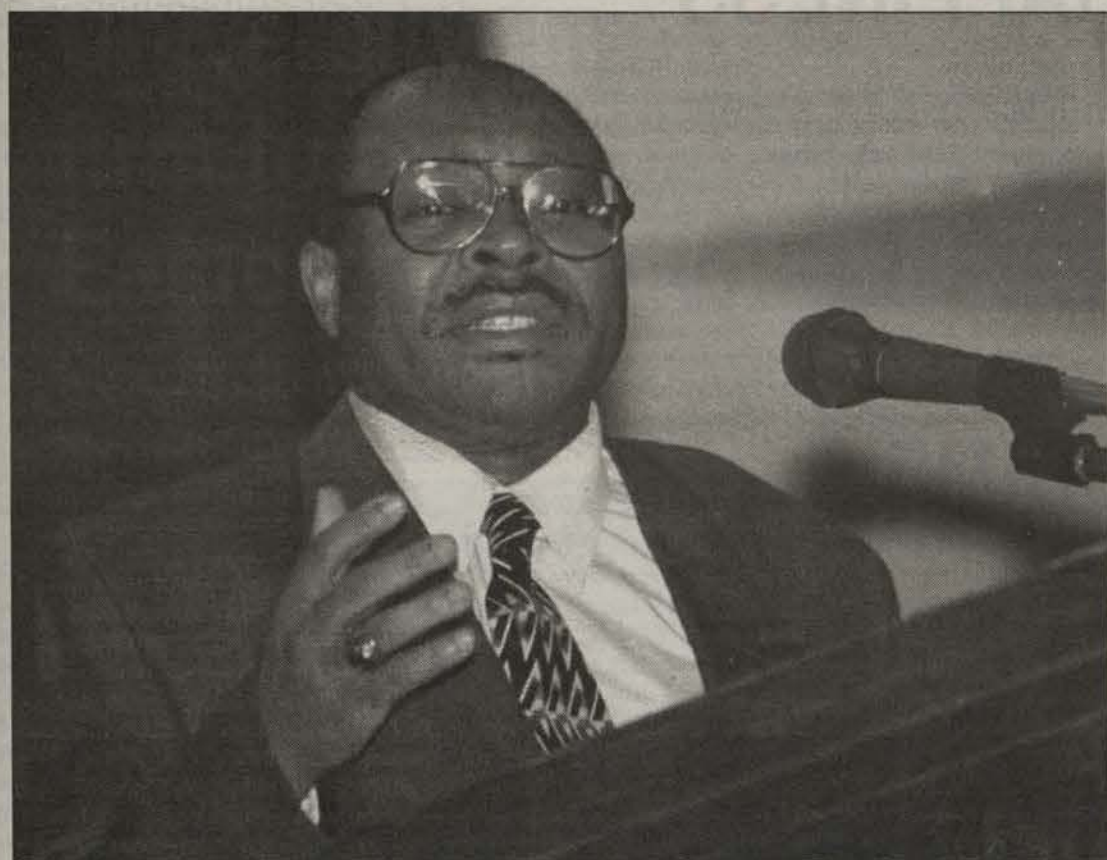
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Festus Oblakor, professor of special education at Emporia State University in Kansas City, presents poems on multiculturalism Monday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Oblakor focuses on the importance of higher education for minority students. The lecture is held in conjunction with Eastern's African American Heritage Celebration.

Happiness is key to success

Speaker focuses on personal strength and understanding

By LAURA IRVINE
Staff writer

Students were told they have the power to make the world a better place Monday night during a lecture held in conjunction with African-American Heritage Celebration.

"In practical terms, we must

respect all members of society," said Festus Oblakor, a professor of special education in the division of psychology and special education at Emporia State University. "We all have the weapons to make everyone and everything better."

Oblakor said "we all have prejudices" that lead us to

judge others.

"People have prejudices because people all have differences," he said.

"There are all forms of prejudice. In Africa there are tribes. This is a form of prejudice. It is easy to discover differences - differences are O.K."

Oblakor said America grants people the right to free speech and opinion, but those rights can

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University hiring firm to represent Eastern at capitol

Merrifield will not be replaced as liaison during spring session

By JUSTIN KMITCH
Administration editor

Administrators are contacting lobbying firms to represent Eastern during this spring's Illinois General Assembly legislative session, in replacement of the university's liaison to the capitol.

The firm will fulfill the duties currently held by Chris Merrifield, former liaison to the capitol. Merrifield was reassigned as the director of governmental relations until her termination June 30.

She was responsible for meeting with legislators of the Illinois Senate, General Assembly and members of the Illinois Board of Higher Education to lobby for funding for the university. She voiced university concerns in hopes of attracting additional funding from the Legislature.

Shelly Flock, coordinator of public information and media relations, issued a university statement regarding the hiring of a firm.

"Presently we are focusing our efforts on finding a short-term solution to legislative representation for Eastern during the spring legislative session."

Jill Nilsen, special assistant to the president, said hiring a firm until June 30 will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000. The cost of the firm would be in addition to

"We are confident that the firm will watch our budget closely with an eye toward advancing Eastern's agenda."

- University statement

Merrifield's salary of \$52,104 per year.

In the statement, the administration said they were confident in a firm's ability to handle Eastern's lobbying needs.

"An important role of the firm hired will be to advise Eastern on strategies to achieve its goals in regard to each piece of legislation introduced, including Eastern's annual appropriation. We are confident that the firm will watch our budget closely with an eye toward advancing Eastern's agenda."

Nilsen said the university will carefully examine the situation before making any decisions concerning a long-term solution.

"I want to look at the cost, the personnel, and other schools that have hired firms or have a designated staff member representing them in Springfield."

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College lowers number of teacher certification students

By AMY THON
Staff editor

The College of Education and Professional Studies will lower the number of students allowed in Eastern's teacher certification program effective this fall.

The change is a result of the overabundance of student teachers in relation to Eastern's resources.

Elizabeth Hitch, dean of the College

"The biggest thing students need to recognize is that the best students will get in and those that don't take classes very seriously will have more difficulty getting into the program."

-Elizabeth Hitch,

dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies

of Education and Professional Studies, said the student teaching program is currently serving 841 students, which is 291 more than normal enrollment.

"(The increase) is pretty significant," Hitch said.

Hitch said the interest in education is very cyclical and changes about every

10 years.

"It's pretty typical that about every 10 years we are at a peak and then we have a glide down again," Hitch said.

She also said the number of employment opportunities are increasing for students graduating with a teacher certification. The employment opportunities, along with the reputation of Eastern's education program, has

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Eastern's campus crime numbers show increase in 1997

By HEATHER CYGAN
Campus editor

Eastern's campus experienced a 25-percent increase in reported aggravated assault and battery cases and a 64.3-percent rise in reported burglaries in

1997, according to an Illinois State crime report.

Campus Police Chief Tom Larson said Eastern is still a relatively safe campus and that most crimes can be avoided if people take simple precautions and use common sense.

There are two categories of crimes, Larson said. There are people who need the crime and will commit the act regardless of the situation, and there are people who commit the crime because an opportune situation arises.

Larson said that the gray area lies in the fact that it is sometimes difficult for police officers to determine if missing items reported are the result of a theft or a burglary. When reporting missing items, some people believe that they locked

their doors and others admit to leaving them unlocked, although there is often no sign of a forced entry, Larson added.

"In our society people will steal things," Larson said.

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Vehicle damage tops campus crime

Reporting city, campus crime every Tuesday and Friday



Kathryn M. Kucharski, 20, of 1008 Greek Court, reported the roof, hood and trunk panels of her Chevrolet were walked upon with muddy footprints size 9 to 10, a police report stated.

The incident occurred between 1:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday in the 1008 Greek Court parking lot with damages estimated to be \$1,977.19, according to a police report.

Two pairs of footprints were discovered, but no fingerprints were found and there were two other cars that appeared to be walked upon also, a police report stated.

■ An electrical malfunction in the motor of a Carman Hall South Tower's elevator at

about 5:47 p.m. Friday caused the doors to remain half-way open and a burning odor to disperse on the eighth floor, according to a police report.

■ Three window panels of the north wall and east window of the Pi Kappa Alpha Charter Room was reported broken after an outside screen was pushed in between midnight and 3:15 a.m. Saturday, according to a police report.

■ Derek E. Weston, 18, of 868 Carman Hall, reported the hood of his Plymouth Acclaim bent on the passenger side and his radio antenna bent between 12:30 and 7:45 a.m. Saturday, a police report stated. The incident occurred in the Carman Hall parking lot, according to a police report.

No injuries in Chicago plane crash

CHICAGO (AP) - An American Airlines jet carrying 121 people missed a runway when it landed at O'Hare International Airport on Monday, heavily damaging the plane and leaving frantic passengers screaming.

No one was hurt on Flight 1340 from Kansas City, although a fire-fighter helping evacuate passengers from the Boeing 727 cut his head.

"It was pretty chaotic. Everybody was screaming," an unidentified passenger told WGN-TV.

A passenger on the plane told WBBM-AM radio that the plane bounced a couple of times, tearing his seat belt and causing the seat in front of him to come loose from its floor mount. "I think we all feel pretty fortunate," he said.

Fog was dense and visibility was a quarter-mile at 9:57 a.m. when the incident occurred, although authorities could not say if the weather was a factor.

American spokesman Al Comeaux said the airline would

not discuss damage to the aircraft. But television footage showed the plane resting on its belly in a muddy field with an engine broken off and a piece of landing gear lying several yards away. Damage to a wing could also be seen.

Shelly Hazle, a spokeswoman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, said the jet landed 200 yards short of the runway and eventually came to rest in the mud.

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be negative.

"People have the freedom to be prejudice, but things cannot get accomplished as well if there is prejudice," Oblakor said.

During his speech titled "Working Collaboratively in an Age of Change," Oblakor stressed the importance of empowerment.

"Everyone succeeds when everyone is empowered," he

said. "Cleanse yourself of your illnesses, live a happy life, and do the best you can. When you set boundaries for yourself, they become slave chains."

He said people set boundaries "that we have set against our strength and energies that keep us from reaching our full potential. We as people should be ready to forgive and take off our slave chains," Oblakor said. "If you

have to take risks one way to take them is to remove boundaries."

Oblakor was introduced as a leading authority in higher education with over 25 years of teaching experience in over 40 undergraduate and graduate courses in Special Education. He also is an accomplished poet, and he began his lecture by reading two of his poems, titled "All the Voices" and "True Seeds."

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Nilsen said. "I don't want to make any rash decisions until we have researched the situation more."

The university is looking into hiring a lobbying firm because Nilsen's schedule does not allow her to be in Springfield on a daily basis.

Merrifield said a firm has numerous clients and cannot meet the specific lobbying needs of a university.

"A contract lobbyist will have several clients," Merrifield said. "Obviously they can not focus on the specific needs of a university. A staff member will possess a more precise understanding and knowledge of the university and goals."

Merrifield said she hopes next year the university will search for a

staff member to permanently fill its lobbying needs.

"I believe hiring a staff member is the most effective way to lobby for a university," she said.

Merrifield, who has been Eastern's liaison since February 1995, is currently responsible for reviewing legislation.

"There has been close to 2,000 pieces of legislature introduced since January," Merrifield said. "My job is to review each piece and determine which ones impact Eastern. I then provide them to the university to be forwarded to the appropriate person on campus."

Merrifield is the former director for the Illinois Community College Board where she worked for 20 years.

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"Everybody is not trustworthy."

If students always make sure that their stuff is locked up and in a safe, Larson said, they will reduce their chances of loss.

Several variables influence annual crime statistics, such as when 10 to 20 crimes in one year are committed by one individual, Larson said.

When police catch the repeat offender, the crimes decrease dramatically because they are no longer on a "crime spree."

Larson said crimes also increase at the end of the semester because some students who are not returning to the university because of graduation or poor grades take advantage of their last weeks at school.

Students become less safety-

conscious and more laid back as they grow accustomed to this campus, Larson said.

"It's everyone's responsibility (to practice) crime prevention," Larson said.

Campus police will soon have a Crime Prevention Officer who will keep the campus updated weekly on tips to avoid common illegal activity, Larson said.

The campus police system is hoping to get a news-bit site that will be accessible to faculty and students and will serve as a crime watch system, Larson said.

Practicing the buddy system is another way to avoid crimes. Larson said that if someone does not feel safe they should contact the police immediately and

request an escort.

Theft offenses decreased by 17.5 percent this year and theft arrests declined by 33.3 percent.

The grand tally of the total reported crime statistics at Eastern in 1997 was broken down in the following manner: 186 total offenses; nine total arrests; one rape offense; five assault offenses, 23 burglary offenses, 156 theft offenses, four theft arrests, one arson offense and 41 drug arrests.

There were no murders or auto thefts on campus in 1997. The total crimes considered offenses at Eastern decreased by 11.4 percent and the arrest rate increased by 28.6 percent. Total drug arrests increased by 13.9 percent.

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increased the number of students enrolled in the program, Hitch said.

"There's been a real interest in teaching at Eastern for a long time," she said. "Eastern is known as a top place to come."

The Council on Teacher Education recently approved a selective admissions process aimed at maintaining the number of students at 550.

"That's the number we can serve well," Hitch said.

Hitch said the changes will not simply raise the minimum admission requirements because this does not solve the problem.

"It will be a system that controls our numbers specifically," Hitch said. "The system that we have had approved is not just raising the minimum requirements."

Hitch said the Illinois State Board of Education plans to enforce additional requirements to insure students spend more time in classrooms prior to student teaching. The students will then begin working in their field as soon as they get started in the education program.

"By the time you get to student teaching, you've spent quite a bit of time in schools,"

Hitch said.

Hitch said these changes will be more expensive for the university and more time consuming for students.

Hitch said it will become increasingly important for students to pay attention to their grade from the beginning of their college career in order to get into the teacher certification program.

Admission will be based on the student's cumulative grade point average, the scores from the Teacher Achievement and Proficiency test and grades in introductory education classes.

"The biggest thing students need to recognize is that the best students will get in and those that don't take classes very seriously will have more difficulty getting into the program," Hitch

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Vigil to be held in Will's memory

Friends are invited to gather at campus pond

By JILL JEDLOWSKI
Assoc. news editor

A candlelight vigil will be held tonight in remembrance of Andrea Will, a freshman who was found murdered Tuesday in her boyfriend's apartment.

Friends will join all members of the Sigma Kappa sorority, of which Miss Will was a member, at 10 p.m. at the Campus Pond to honor their friend's legacy, said Kelly Wiczorek, a senior special education major and Sigma Kappa president. The public is invited to attend and preserve Miss Will's memory, she said, adding that presidents of all other greek organizations on campus were notified of the service.

"We're viewing this as a healing process to feeling better," Wiczorek said. "The chapter as a

whole thought it was a good idea. Andrea's family appreciates this."

Estimated to last for 30 minutes, the service will be mostly silent, with the exception of crowd members singing a couple of well-known songs, Wiczorek said.

"Each Sig Kap was asked to bring a candle and pass it around," she explained.

Justin Boulay, 20, of St. Charles, was charged with two counts of first-degree murder for his alleged involvement in the strangulation death of Miss Will, an 18-year-old marketing major from Batavia.

Boulay's parents drove to Charleston early Tuesday morning because of a mysterious, alarming phone call they received from Boulay late Monday.

Upon their arrival, Boulay would not allow his parents to enter his apartment, 114 1/2 Jackson Ave. Instead, Boulay took his parents to the Square where he told them what happened.

His parents took him to the Charleston Police Station, and police were led to Boulay's apart-

ment by Boulay's mother. Miss Will's body was found in the bedroom, and she was declared dead upon the arrival of Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols at 5:18 a.m.

Sigma Kappa held a private memorial in memory of Miss Will Sunday night at the house.

In addition, Sigma Kappa is raising money to fund a scholarship in Miss Will's name.

"Some people suggested a name that has something to do with sunshine," Wiczorek said. "Andrea was always smiling and brought sunshine to everyone's lives."

No definite names have been chosen for the scholarship yet.

Thus far, \$900 has been collected and calls are pouring in from people who want to contribute financially, according to Wiczorek.

"We've got quite a few people calling who want to donate," Wiczorek said.

People interested in donating any amount of money can call Wiczorek at 581-8177.

Preliminary hearing set in Boulay case

By MATT ADRIAN
Managing editor

The preliminary hearing was scheduled Monday for the Eastern student charged with the murder of his ex-girlfriend.

Justin Boulay, 20, of St. Charles, is scheduled to appear in court Feb. 23 for his alleged involvement with the murder of freshman marketing major Andrea Will, 21, of Batavia.

Boulay's public defender Lonnie Lutz Monday requested a bond reduction be discussed the same date. Currently, Boulay is being held on \$300,000 bond in the Coles County Sheriff's Department.

Boulay is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in connection with the death of Miss Will. The charges allege that Boulay used a ligature to strangle Miss Will with the intent to kill or

cause bodily harm. Both charges carry a prison term of 20 to 60 years.

Boulay was arrested Feb. 3 after Charleston police officers found Miss Will's body in Boulay's apartment at 114 1/2 Jackson Ave. A letter written by Boulay was found at the scene and connected him to her death.

Police were notified of the situation after Boulay called his parents in the middle of the night and told them something was seriously wrong. Boulay's mother traveled to Charleston where he refused to let her enter the apartment.

Boulay took his mother to the Square and told her what happened. She proceeded to take him to the police station; Boulay was arrested after police escorted his mother back to the apartment where they found Miss Will's body.



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Teshome Abebe, a candidate for vice president for academic affairs, makes a statement on how he and the executive members of the university will work for the better education of students if he is selected Monday evening in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Candidate for provost stresses importance of strategic planning

By JUSTIN KMITCH
Administration editor

Teshome Abebe, candidate for provost and vice president for academic affairs, Monday said he believes the strategic planning process is essential to a university's success.

"Strategic planning anticipates the future and plans for it in a way that provides widespread support," Abebe said. "I am very supportive of any planning system."

Abebe said he understands the process to be confusing at times.

"I will be gentle, but continue to plan for the future," Abebe said. "I strongly believe if you don't have a map of where you want to go, you will never get there."

Abebe said Eastern should be very cautious when considering making changes to its graduate school system.

"Eastern is a directional school, oriented to provide access to students wishing to pursue graduate and undergraduate studies," Abebe said. "But, with the financial status of the university as I believe it to be, I believe you should be careful. Only engage in both if the demand exists."

"When engaging in the addition of classes to the graduate program, you should be very selective. Make sure your current programs support you well before considering making any additions."

Abebe said he has strong feelings regarding the globalization and internationalization of the campus.

"The young people that you are educating are being educated to compete with other young people from around the world, not just other Eastern students," Abebe said. "This idea works for many practical

reasons as well."

He also said he has strong feelings regarding the decentralization of the budget.

"There is absolutely no other way to go," Abebe said.

Abebe is the third of six finalists for the position of vice president for academic affairs to participate in open session interviews.

He currently holds the position of provost and vice president for academic affairs at Ferris State University.

He holds a doctorate in economics from Northern Illinois University, a master's of economics from Illinois State University and a bachelor's in business and economics from Illinois State University.

The provost position became available when present vice president for academic affairs, Terry Weidner, announced his plans to retire July 1.

Eastern Foundation receives \$250,000 for scholarships

By TAMMIE SLOUP
Staff writer

An Eastern alumnae donated \$250,000 in gift certificates to the EIU Foundation, to fund student scholarships in the mathematics and English departments.

Jessie Voigt Allhands donated the certificates to help fund The Jessie Voigt Allhands Mathematics Scholarship, which was established in 1996, and the Genelle Voigt Jackson English Scholarship,

which was established in 1997 in honor of Jessie's sister, Genelle, who passed away in 1995, said Nancy Page, administrative aide.

The sisters attended Eastern Illinois State Teacher's College and later went on to teach all over the country, Page said.

Jessie Allhands graduated with a degree in mathematics in 1930 and has taught in places such as Washington State University, Page said. Genelle Jackson graduated with a degree in English and later

went on to become a superintendent.

"Jessie has been contributing to the mathematics department for three or four years," said Claire Krukenberg, chair of the mathematics department.

"We awarded the scholarship to a freshmen last year and Jessie came down to meet the winner," Krukenberg said. "She was very happy with the choice."

"We're both thrilled and honored to be a recipient," said

Dana Ringuette, chair of the English department.

"The scholarship is given on a year-by-year basis but it can be renewed. It's basically a four-year scholarship," Krukenberg said.

The contributions to the mathematics department have been spread out over the past three or four years, Krukenberg said. When the \$250,000 was given to the EIU Foundation for the English department, another certificate was given to the math department that

brought the Jessie Voigt Allhands Mathematics Scholarship to a total of \$250,000.

The requirements for the scholarships include: the student must be an full time undergraduate, must be majoring in or intending to major in mathematics or English, have an overall high school grade point average of a 3.0 or higher, and display a need for financial aid. There is also a preference for students from West Salem or near the area, Page said.



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Minority applicants up, now university needs to finish job

The university is finally coming a step closer to obtaining its 12 percent minority enrollment goal by the year 2000.

Eastern has substantially increased the number of minority applicants received compared to this time last year. African American applications are up by 40 percent, Hispanics are up by 38 percent, Asians are up by 16 percent and

Editorial

American

Indian/Alaskan are up by two.

Eastern President

David Jorns set a goal for the university to increase minority enrollment back in 1994. Now, four years later, the university is seeing a substantial step in the right direction.

By utilizing recruitment techniques and a strong push by the administration for higher minority numbers Eastern is making strides.

But the job isn't done quite yet. Eastern needs to turn those minority applications into enrollment numbers.

Now that the students are interested enough in the university to apply, Eastern needs to continue to market itself to these students.

In the race to meet its minority enrollment goal before the year 2000, the university is only halfway there.

Now the university must work to finalize the deal. Eastern cannot give up and think its work is done just because the number of applications are up.

Instead we must be persistent and follow up with these prospective students.

The university should call the students to let them know they are wanted here. These students, as well as all prospective students, should be sent information about Eastern and what the university has to offer to get them excited about the campus and Charleston.

Eastern can be proud that it has seen such a big increase in minority applications this year. But we should not sit back now that the applications are in and assume the students will be attending the university.

Now is the time to make sure these students want to be at Eastern as much as we want them to be here.

“today's quote

No one knows what he can do till he tries.

—Publius Syrus

Trying to be an ally in unfriendly territory

Why do gay, lesbian and bisexual students need allies in the university setting? Why should I get involved? How can I be involved? What do I need to know about gays, lesbians and bisexuals? These questions and more are answered as I try to persuade you to become an ally for the gay community.

Gays, lesbians and bisexuals (referred to as GLB) need allies in the university setting to offset the overwhelming heterosexism that exists in our society. Heterosexism is the belief that everyone is attracted to people of the opposite sex. When we make assumptions that someone is dating someone of the opposite sex, we are marginalizing the gay community.

Becoming an ally sometimes means facing this heterosexism in an upfront manner. People are so ingrained in this thinking that they do not even understand what being a GLB student means. They think these people are expecting special rights, when all they want are equal rights.

Explaining some of the myths that envelope homosexuals may help you to understand them better. People, especially those in power, can contribute to stereotypes and myths simply out of ignorance. The following myths were debunked in Hilda Benser and Charlotte Spungin's book, *Gay and Lesbian students: Understanding their Needs*.

1. Gay and lesbian students do not always “look gay.” They look like your neighbor, your co-worker, or your best friend. You cannot pick them all out of a crowd.
2. Gays and lesbians are more likely than heterosexuals to have equilateral relationships. There is no boss or slave, no female or male role assumed by either partner. They share more.
3. This is not an illness or something that is curable. The American Psychiatric and American Psychological Association both formally rejected this idea in the early 1970s. GLB students come from a variety of family situations. Nothing and no one causes someone to be gay.



AMANDA BARTON
Guest columnist

“Understanding these realities may help you to make a decision to become an ally.”

They either are or they are not. They cannot change because someone or even they want to. The American Psychiatric Association reports there is no evidence that supports the effectiveness of therapy to modify one's sexual orientation. It is not a preference, but a fact of life.

4. Gays and lesbians exist in every profession that other people do. There are gay construction workers, actors, professors,

doctors and everything in between.

5. Gays and lesbians can maintain long-term relationships. In fact, lesbians have been shown to be more monogamous than the average heterosexual couples.

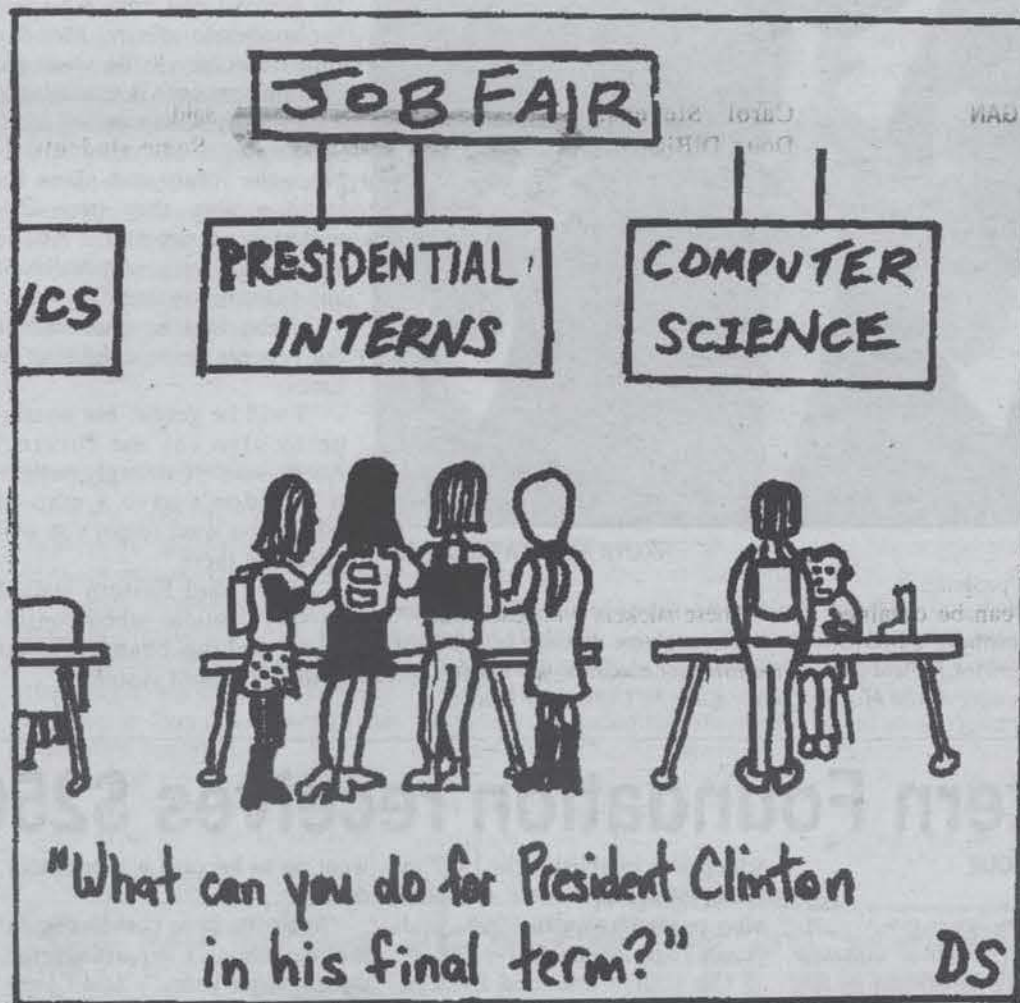
6. Homosexuality and religion are not antithetical. In 1946, the word homosexual first appeared in the translation of the Christian bible. Dignity, and organization for gay Catholics, hold special masses for numerous diocese. Presbyterians, the United Church of Christ, and Unitarians have made public announcements in support of gay and lesbian causes.

Understanding these realities may help you to make a decision to become an ally. As an ally, you need to be aware of an issues in the government, the legal issues, and the importance of social support. You need to become aware of other allies so you know where to refer students when you don't have the answer. Gay and lesbian students need your support in order to survive their college years with their identities intact.

The level at which you exhibit your ally status is up to you. Simply reading about gay issues can help to educate you. You can attend a meeting of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union on Monday nights at 8 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

You can simply hang the ally symbol on your door and treat GLB students as you would others – like human beings.

— Amanda Barton is a graduate student and a college student personel major and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Students priorities need to be checked for long-term reality

To the editor:

I am a 36-year-old single college student with no children. This letter addresses the priorities of people seeking education. With the world population moving upward irreversibly, the economic maladjustments and the Earth's resources vanishing; I want to state something about “forever.” There is infinite concern for the needs of legal minors and babies in the world's system. Each generation grows mature to do worse behaviors than

your turn

the previous. Parents and children will rationalize themselves into their own lifestyle, leaving no point to responsibility. We lost this world and if there is a God, he or she undoubtedly cares for us. He will not fix it because it is not his fault. Temptations are the advice you get from your questions about your problems. This can sound like I don't know what love is. May a person fall in love with someone and help others? Show me the love in this world. I see selfishness.

John Skillrud
Bloomington

Letter policy

The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues.

They should be less than 250 words and include the author's name, telephone number and address. Students must indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed.

Depending on space constraints, we may have to edit your letter, so keep it as concise as possible.

UB asks for student feedback

Trisha Yearwood spring concert possibility

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

The University Board is soliciting student opinion regarding the possibility of country-singer Trisha Yearwood performing for this year's spring concert.

UB members are requesting students vote for or against the possibility of Yearwood performing April 4 at a cost of \$15 for students.

UB Chair Tom Ryan said regardless of student opinion,

Yearwood's performance is not guaranteed.

"It is an intricate jigsaw puzzle putting (concerts) together," Ryan said.

Ryan said the UB began looking closer at Yearwood after rapper L.L. Cool J was unavailable to perform for the concert.

"Right now we're all about Trisha," he said.

Ryan said Yearwood is available to perform during the dates the UB has Lantz Gymnasium reserved. He also said Yearwood is within their cost range but "she may be gone tomorrow."

Yearwood is "big in the college market" and offers Eastern a different performer than usual, Ryan said.

"Her name is always coming up and she is still alive in the college market," said Ryan.

He said as of Monday, student opinion was strongly in favor of bringing Yearwood to Eastern. Students can cast their vote through noon today by calling the UB office.

Dave Milberg, director for the Student Life Office and Student Activities, said UB would like to make a profit on this concert.

"Hopefully, yes, (making money) is the way we always enter into it," said Milberg. "There are still some loose ends as to what the cost is going to be."

Flashgroups, the agency UB is working with, will be in contact with Yearwood's promoter.

Annual contest to help increase cultural awareness on campus

The Daily Eastern News is sponsoring its annual African American History Month essay contest in conjunction with the activities being held during the month of February.

The theme of the essay contest is "What can Eastern do to increase awareness and respect for cultural diversity and to facilitate unity on campus?"

Entries should be 500 words or less and are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 21. The winners will be

announced at the Miss Black EIU pageant, which will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

All students are encouraged to participate in the essay contest.

Entries should be brought to the newsroom, 1811 Buzzard Hall.

The awards for the essay winners will be announced at a later date.



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Enjoying the sun

Jason Wilder, a junior zoology major, stumbles on the edge of a flight stairs, while skateboarding Monday outside of Lumpkin Hall.

Decals promoting 'safe zones' to be distributed by LGBAU

By HEATHER CYGAN
Campus editor

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Allies Union members are distributing decals that campus and community members can display on their doors or windows to signify their home is a safe haven.

About 200 decals will be given out initially and LGBAU members have intentions of making more if necessary.

"I think we'll have to make more (than 200)," said Christina Hardin, president of the LGBAU. "It's an on-going program."

The stickers can be obtained from faculty members and students, including Doug Howell,

Carol Stevens, Doug DiBianco, Karina Elmoznino, Allison Toth, Kevin Franken and Hardin.

An applied sticker symbolizes to students that they are at a residence where "it's OK to talk" and that the specific area is "truly a safe zone," Hardin said.

The LGBAU is hoping to receive strong support from the residence halls because that is where most students are harassed and run into conflicts, Hardin said.

"These stickers will reach out to those students that are in need of support on campus," Hardin

said. Some students "wouldn't even dare" to come and find support with the LGBAU; "Safe Zone" decals provide them with another option, Hardin said.

Eastern is one of the last campuses to distribute the durable, laminated "Safe Zone" decals, Hardin said.

LGBAU members first discovered the concept of a sticker while attending the Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, Transgender College Conference in the Midwest, which is the largest conference in the nation, Hardin said.

Western Illinois University has implemented a program like this and sells other campuses a package to start the program.

Hardin said the symbol on the decal was created by Eastern's LGBAU and is unique from every other campus's sticker's design.

The decals are available to faculty, staff, community members, resident assistants and the student body free of charge.

Upon receiving a decal, people will sign a contract stating they will help provide a safe zone for those who need support or someone to talk to.

The contract implies that the sticker holder will "provide an open-minded area," Hardin said.

A list of references also will be provided to sticker holders. People should refer people in need to this list of names and numbers, Hardin said.

Such contacts include The Gay Lesbian Association of Decatur and The Gay Lesbian Straight Teacher Network, Hardin said.

The LGBAU is excited about the "Safe Zone" program and Hardin said she hopes to get a warm reception from the Charleston community.

Overall, Hardin said she hopes these stickers and the principle behind them will "provide the safe base" that the student body needs.

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City shows support for new post office

By JAIME HODGE
City editor

Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill and City Manager Paul Nicholson Monday showed their support for building a new post office during the city's Postal Advisory Council meeting.

"This meeting we had the (Charleston) mayor and city manager present, and we got their verbal support of getting a new postal office and they will put that in a letter of recommendation. The meeting primarily focused on how do we get the post office and how do we get the district office to approve us," said Tom Maruna, co-chairman of the council.

Coughill and Nicholson will have to formulate a letter saying

they want a new post office, Maruna said. The committee will then seek the Charleston City Council's approval.

Last month Ed Buxton, a Charleston resident, donated three to four acres of land located on east Illinois Route 16 south of Adams Funeral Home. However, Maruna said using the donated land for the site of the new post office has yet to be decided.

"The next thing we do will be to deal with the location and then to open it up for bids, (and see if) anyone else who wants to donate us land or sell us land," Maruna said. "Right now we still just have the one donation."

Maruna said the decision to build the new post office has not been made, and that meeting will be made out of the district office.

He added that three things were needed to get a new post office: the support of the city council, community and chamber of commerce.

"Our next meeting (the Postal Advisory Council) will put together all our package and decide what day we go to Chicago to give a presentation to see if we (Charleston) get a new post office," Maruna said.

The donated land would be a benefit, Maruna said, because it would save the Postal Advisory Council time and money by not having to look for and purchase land for a site.

However, the Postal Advisory Council is still considering other options.

"The only benefit that I know right now is the cost savings

because nobody else has come forth with any donated land. It would save the post office a considerable amount of money," Maruna said.

"Other things may happen. The first thing is to get the approval to build a new post office.

Other land owners may donate land, the city (of Charleston) may donate land; (the city of Charleston) might come up with some ideas."

Maruna added the Postal Advisory Council will not suggest what a good site is for the new post office.

"As council, we will make no recommendation as to what we feel is a good location," Maruna said. "Our sole position is to get a new post office."

Presentation to analyze different cultural beliefs

A professor from the University of Illinois will be on campus to talk about multicultural issues relating to communication disorders.

The lecture, "Folk Beliefs," will be given by Joan Erickson at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the CDS classroom, which is on the top floor of the Clinical Services building.

Erickson is a nationally-known ethnographic researcher of communication disorders in speech and hearing.

"Erickson will address multicultural issues and folk beliefs in different cultural groups as they relate to communication disorders," said Brenda Wilson, assistant professor of communication disorders.

Erickson's knowledge about the anthropological view of folk beliefs in different cultures as they relate to communication disorders is an important reason why she was chosen to speak at Eastern, Wilson said.

Soul food is unhealthy

By LAUREN KRAFT
Activities editor

Soul food can often be an unhealthy nutritional choice and tonight an Eastern faculty member will help students make healthier choices.

Valencia Browning, assistant professor for family and consumer sciences, will present a lecture titled "Soul Food" at 7 p.m. tonight in the Martin Luther King Jr. Kansas Room.

Browning said there are "nutritional hazards in some recipes and dietary habits" of soul food eaters. She said she would like to help everybody realize the benefits of changing parts of their diet.

"I will give heart healthy ideas to make some adjustments in soul food," Browning said.

Browning said she has conducted nutritional assessments and studied food habits in Africa.

"There is high evidence of obesity, type two diabetes and hypertension (because of the high fat and salt content in soul food)," Browning said.

Browning attributes this to the high-fat meat and seasoning choices in food preparation.

Browning said she will pass out soul food guide pyramids, which will refer to the historical perspective of how soul food got to the U.S., how it evolved and the uniqueness of the cuisine during her lecture.

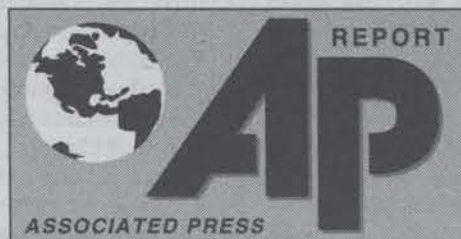
Pentagon triples U.S. armed forces in Kuwait

AL-JABER AIR BASE, Kuwait (AP) - The Pentagon is sending up to 3,000 troops to Kuwait - tripling U.S. ground forces in the country - "to discourage any creative thinking" by Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

At the same time, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ruled out any massive military invasion of Iraq. "The administration does not agree with those who suggest we should deploy hundreds of thousands of American troops to engage militarily in a ground war in Iraq," Albright said in a speech in Washington.

The latest deployment of U.S. ground forces was disclosed by a senior military official traveling in the region with Defense Secretary William Cohen. He said up to 3,000 troops from Fort Hood, Texas, will be sent to Kuwait over the next 10 days or so to help defend Iraq's southern neighbor.

"The purpose is to ensure the security of



Kuwait," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. "It's to discourage creative thinking on (Saddam Hussein's) part."

Although Cohen had not formally signed the deployment order, a Pentagon official said Monday "the forces have been requested and that request is being considered and processed."

They will join 1,500 Army troops who have been using M1-A1 tanks, armored Bradley troop carriers and other vehicles during a

scheduled exercise in the desert emirate. The United States deployed 541,000 ground troops during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The armored vehicles were stored in Kuwait after the Gulf War and have been used repeatedly by U.S. troops in training exercises.

For its part, Iraq appeared to be preparing for a U.S. attack. Troops of Saddam's elite Republican Guard, for instance, were being scattered throughout the country in an effort to ensure that his government remains in power, according to Iraqi travelers arriving in Jordan.

Iraq also dispatched diplomats to several Arab countries that joined the U.S.-led coalition in the Gulf War, seeking their support.

Cohen flew about 50 miles outside Kuwait City on Monday to visit this desert air base, which is surrounded by the broken and bombed-out remains of concrete bunkers hit by U.S. strike aircraft

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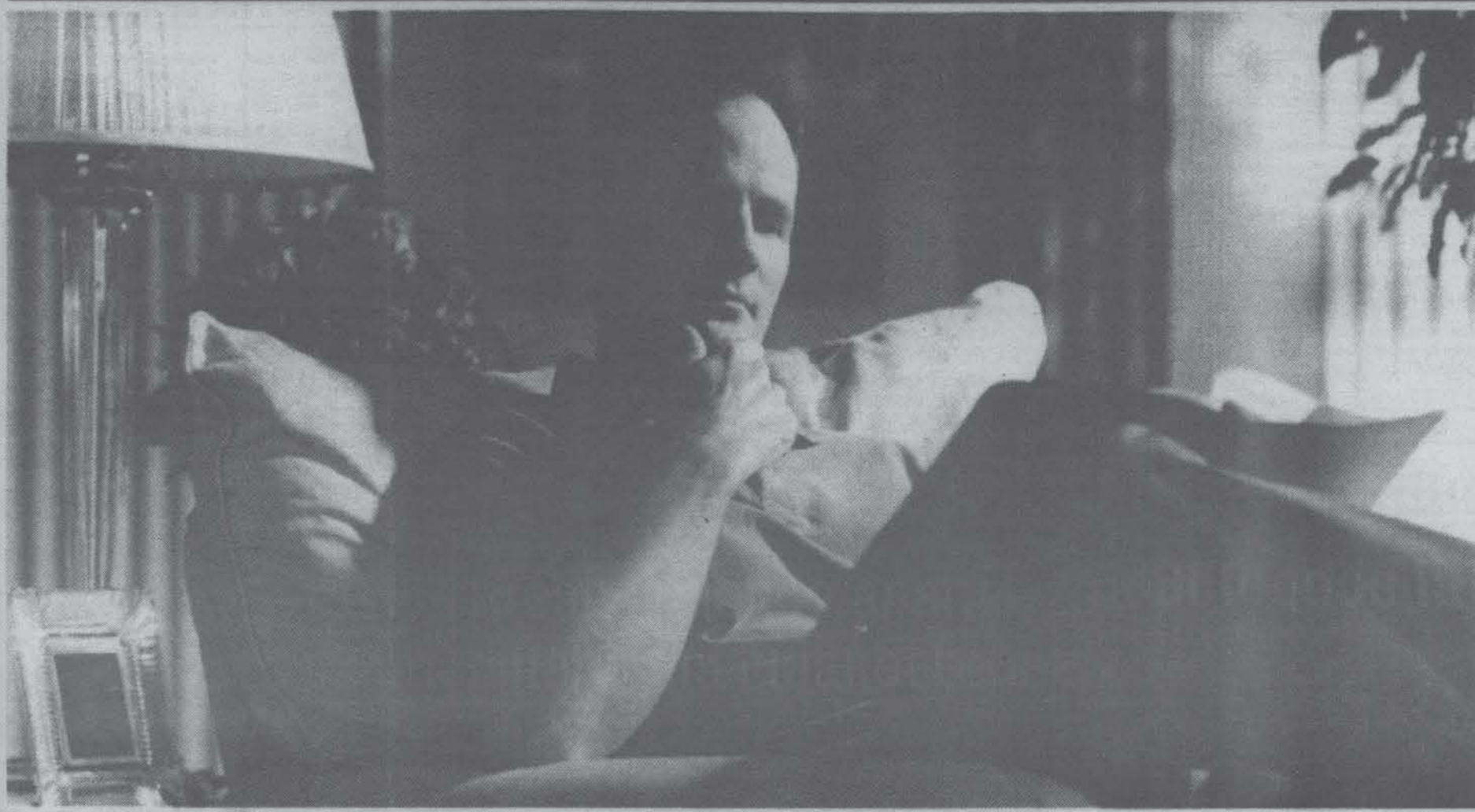
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SOCIOLOGY CLUB meeting today at 5:15 p.m. in Blair Hall 207.

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Cuban-exile pitcher satisfied with first public game

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)- With five dozen scouts watching, Cuban-exile Orlando Hernandez pitched three shutout innings Monday in his first public game in more than a year.

Hernandez, older brother of Florida Marlins right-hander Livan Hernandez, played on a team of Cuban exiles against an amateur Costa Rican club.

More than 1,000 fans attended the game, Hernandez's first in public since the Cuban government banned him from baseball in October, 1996.

Hernandez struck out seven and allowed only one baserunner.

He was ahead 1-0 when he came out of the game, but his team ended up losing 9-

5.

"I am very satisfied," Hernandez said. "I'm still not 100 percent, but I've had only 22 days training."

I think the way is open for the big leagues. I think I can pitch there."

Baseball has granted Hernandez free-agent status, and Monday was the first day teams could negotiate with him.

"He has the tools," said Jorge Posadas, a scout for the Colorado Rockies.

"Of course you can't tell that soon, since he hasn't pitched for a long time."

"It's just a beginning. He needs conditioning," said San Diego Padres scout Jose Garcia.

Hernandez, 28, a star pitcher on Cuba's national team, was banned after his younger brother defected while on a team trip in Mexico in 1995.

Livan Hernandez was the MVP of the Marlins' World Series victory last season.

The elder Hernandez, who had resisted defecting for years, escaped Cuba on Dec. 26 with seven others on a small boat. They were picked up a few days later on a remote Bahamian island by the U.S. Coast Guard and handed over to Bahamian authorities.

Hernandez was offered a U.S. visa, along with his common-law wife and Cuban team catcher Alberto Hernandez, who is not related.

But all except Hernandez's wife ended up in Costa Rica when U.S. authorities refused visas to the others in the group.

Alberto Hernandez, 27, who was banned from baseball on the island for alleged contacts with Cuban exiles in Miami, received free agency clearance by major league baseball.

The others approved for free agency were Joel Pedroso, 21, who played on a Havana team; right-handed pitcher Juan Medina, 21; Osmani Santana, 22, an infielder who defected last October while the Cuban national team toured Mexico; and Francisco Santiesteban, 21, a catcher who defected last November while the Cuban team toured Colombia.

Leaf tells whereabouts Indiana has a lot on line at Purdue

NEW YORK (AP) - Ryan Leaf wants the Indianapolis Colts to know he was having tests on his shoulder when he failed to meet with the team during last weekend's NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

"He'd have rather been meeting with the Colts than doing what he was doing," Leaf's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said Monday from New York, where he and Leaf were attending the ESPY Awards.

Steinberg said Leaf spent three hours having an MRI on his right shoulder, a test requested by the Chicago Bears.

Steinberg said that when Leaf told combine officials he was supposed to meet with the Colts, he was told "physicals take precedence over meet-

ings."

The Colts hold the first pick in April's NFL draft. They had met earlier with quarterback Peyton Manning of Tennessee.

"Sometimes the agent is involved in that kind of decision," Colts coach Jim Mora said when Leaf failed to appear. "Perhaps he had something to do that extended into our meeting time."

"When you set up an appointment with him, and he's got a chance to be the No. 1 pick, and he just doesn't show, it's a little disappointing. More than a little disappointing, to be honest with you."

Steinberg said Leaf was bothered about missing the meeting but there was nothing he could do.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - A shot at the Big Ten regular-season championship is only a part of what's at stake Tuesday night when No. 8 Purdue battles arch-rival Indiana for the 172nd time in men's basketball.

The Hoosiers (16-6, 7-3 Big Ten) and Boilermakers (20-4, 8-2) need a victory to have a serious chance at catching first-place Michigan State. Indiana coach Bob Knight's team, which defeated the Boilermakers 94-88 in Bloomington last month, will be shooting for its first sweep of Purdue since the 1992-93 season.

And the Hoosiers will also be trying to prevent Purdue coach Gene Keady from becoming the winningest coach ever against Knight.

Keady has defeated Knight

teams 17 times and currently shares the distinction with former Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote.

Purdue leads the series 100-71 and has a 64-20 advantage in games played in West Lafayette.

"Playing in Mackey Arena is a tough assignment. Michigan State won there won there earlier this year, so it is not an impossible task," Knight said. "We will have to play there like we did in Assembly Hall to be successful."

The Boilermakers are coming off an impressive offensive performance, having hit a conference record 16 3-pointers as they defeated Ohio State 107-75. Purdue goes against Indiana 11th in the nation in scoring with an 86.8 average and eighth in the nation in field goal percentage

(.503).

The Boilermakers present a balanced offense that has four starters averaging in double figures with reserve Mike Robinson at 9.9. Eight Boilermakers contributed to the 3-point shooting record, and Purdue shot 61.5 percent as it made 16-of-26 treys.

"It's abnormal for a normal team, but we're a little abnormal this year," said Brad Miller, who is averaging 16.6 points and leads the team in rebounding with an 8.8 average.

"Everyone on this team can hit 3's. We could have a game when everyone on this team hits a 3," said Miller, who is third on Purdue's all-time list in blocked shots (148), fourth in rebounds (754) and sixth in field goal percentage (.566).

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High school hooper fighting battle of his life

PEORIA (AP) - St. Francis Medical Center's Room 4302 is a world away from the life Jason Wessels knew just six weeks ago.

Back then, the Galesburg High School senior was one of 16 young men experiencing the time of his life, playing on what may prove to be the best Silver Streaks' basketball team to ever take the court.

But a vicious attack of a rare bacterial meningitis Dec. 26 yanked Wessels from that exhilarating experience. Gravely ill for three weeks, he underwent life-saving amputations of his fingers and legs below the knee Jan. 21.

Now he faces the fight of his life and a battle to get back to the world he once knew.

"I just remember going to St. Mary's and a little bit about the (helicopter) flight over here. That's about it," said Wessels of his illness, which began with flu-like symptoms on Christmas. "I remember my feet hurting real bad and I couldn't walk."

Sedated and fighting for consciousness for more than two

weeks, Wessels can't recall the team visits by the Silver Streaks during the Bloomington-Normal Holiday Classic and said he physically didn't start to feel better until after his surgeries.

The ordeal is every parent's nightmare.

"He knew he was going to have surgery but he didn't know until about three days before what was going to take place," said Wessels' mother, Donna Cooley. "We were debating who was going to tell him and how much he should know."

After that duty was assumed by one of his doctors, surgery lasting two hours was spread over two nights.

"He was pretty despondent and his throat was real sore and he didn't talk very much," Cooley said of her son's condition following surgery.

But Cooley said a major turnaround in her son's outlook came Saturday when he saw the skin grafts on his limbs for the first time.

"After the doctor left, Jason

said, 'It's not fair, I want to go to Sweetheart Swirl, to Senior Night and I want to graduate,'" Cooley said.

"I said just one minute, and I went and got the doctor and that's when the doctor said even if he's not out of the hospital, he can go as long as he's well enough."

Those events have become Wessels' driving force as he endures two one-hour physical therapy sessions daily and tries to escape what has become his world for the past 43 days.

"My biggest challenge is returning for Senior Night (Feb. 27) and going to Chicago for my prosthetics," Wessels admits.

His acceptance at Chicago Shriners Hospital this week is just one of the boosts he has received during his recovery. The Shriners will provide him with free care and prosthetics for the rest of his life starting shortly after his release from St. Francis.

The cards, posters and gifts lining his room are another indication of the swell of emotion and com-

passion Wessels' situation has ignited in Galesburg and surrounding communities.

"He's gotten cards from people in Kewanee and Roanoke. Grade school kids have sent him cards and he got some from his old classmates at ROWVA," said Cooley of her son, who lived in Wataga through the sixth grade.

"I just want to thank everybody. I really appreciate it," said Wessels.

Among the gifts Wessels received recently was a United States Cellular wireless phone with free unlimited airtime and programmed with a Galesburg number. His girlfriend, Kristen Cherrington, was quick to take advantage of that service to call Wessels and has been a frequent visitor.

So have teammates like Steve Glasgow, Taylor Thiel and Kevin Heimann, who have seen noticeable improvement in Wessels in the past week.

"I went up there Wednesday night and he looked fine to me," said Glasgow. "He was smiling and

laughing and watching a game with Taylor and I. Had you not known anything had happened to him, you wouldn't have been able to tell."

Heimann intends to renew a game-day ritual with Wessels this weekend.

"Normally on Saturday, we go to Swedoughs before the game. I'm going to take him some Swedoughs this Saturday," Heimann said.

Although Wessels has not been with the Silver Streaks for awhile, Galesburg coach Mike Miller said his presence is still a big part of his team's season.

"It really puts things in perspective and makes you think about things beyond basketball," he said.

Miller added, "I think none of us take things for granted anymore. As a coach, you get so wrapped up trying to improve the team, sometimes you forget to tell the guys how much you appreciate them and care about them. It's helped us verbalize our feelings for each other."

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Eastern players are not thinking of this; they have something bigger in their minds.

"The big thing to them is winning the conference championship and go in the No. 1 seed," he said.

Eastern is 12-3 in the OVC and one half game away from first-place Murray State. These two teams will play against each other Thursday night at Lantz Gymnasium.

Samuels said the final three games are all important, but one is more important than the rest.

"The next one," he said. "The team we play against is a half a game ahead of us. We have to feel in order to win the championship we can't slip again."

Also in the race for the confer-

ence championship is Middle Tennessee, which is at 11-3. Middle did enjoy first place on its own going into the weekend, but fell to Southeast Missouri at home on Saturday afternoon.

If Eastern would win its last three games against Murray State, Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin, the worst Eastern would be is in a tie for first place.

Kaye said the team has had a good attitude throughout the season.

"We've had a positive attitude for most of the year, and we've been in the hunt for the championship for most of the year," he said. "Hopefully that positive attitude will turn over into three wins."

In the event of a tie, Eastern would get the No. 1 seed over Murray State because they split the season so the next deciding factor would be how they fared against conference opponents.

If Austin Peay would get the fourth seed, it would be the deciding factor. Eastern swept the Governors this season, while Murray lost at Austin Peay. Because of this loss, Eastern would get the top seed over Murray.

Kaye said Eastern has one advantage over Murray.

"They have to play at our place," he said. "If we win the rest we pretty much win every tie breaker. We only have home games left, and you have to win games at home."

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the free throw line, going 14-of-22, for a .636 percentage.

But Middle bested the Lady Panthers all around, shooting 50 percent from the floor, 7-of-12 from behind the arc and .667 from the charity stripe.

The Lady Raiders out rebounded Eastern as well. Middle grabbed 41 rebounds to the the Lady Panther's 33.

The only area in which Eastern had the edge was in personal fouls. The Lady Panthers were called for 19 fouls as opposed to 17 for the Lady Raiders.

Sophomore center Leah Aldrich scored 22 points to lead all scorers in the game, and senior forward Allison Lee scored 17. The other three

Eastern starters combined for 17 points. Senior forward Barbora Garbova came off the bench to score 15.

Garbova's productivity off the bench included 11 rebounds, giving her the game's only double-double. Despite not getting the start, Garbova played 35 minutes in the game.

Junior forward Jonelda Buck topped the 1000 career point plateau, leading the Lady Raiders with 17 points in the game.

Neely scored 12 points for the Lady Raiders and picked up seven assists.

The Lady Panthers next game will be Saturday at 7 p.m. against Tennessee-Martin.

Edgar Martinez one of five players to sign contracts

NEW YORK (AP) - Edgar Alfonzo, who led the New York Mets in hitting last season, was among five players in arbitration who agreed to one-year contracts Monday, getting a 714 percent raise to \$1.75 million.

Also settling were Minnesota shortstop Pat Meares (\$2.5 million), St. Louis utility player John Mabry (\$1.4 million),

Detroit pitcher Bryce Florie (\$600,000) and Seattle pitcher Felipe Lira (\$415,000).

Twenty-five players remain in arbitration, with the first case scheduled to be argued Wednesday in Phoenix.

Alfonzo, a 24-year-old infielder, hit .315 last season with 10 homers and 72 RBIs. He made \$215,000 and asked for \$2.25

million in arbitration. New York countered at \$1.25 million.

Meares had been asking for \$2.8 million, while the Twins had been offering \$2.25 million. He earned \$1,425,000 last season, his fifth in Minnesota, while hitting a career-best .276 with 10 homers and 60 RBIs.

Mabry, who can play the outfield, first base and third base,

hit .284 last season with five homers and 36 RBIs in 116 games. He had just one at-bat after breaking his jaw when struck by a line drive Aug. 19.

He had had been asking \$1.95 million in arbitration after making \$390,000 last season. The Cardinals had offered \$1.2 million. Florie, a 27-year-old right-hander acquired by Detroit in

the offseason, was 4-4 with a 4.32 ERA for Milwaukee in eight starts and 24 relief appearances.

Florie had asked for \$825,000 in arbitration and had been offered \$450,000. He made \$200,000 last season.

Lira was 5-11 last season with a 6.34 ERA in 18 starts and 10 relief appearances.

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Jordan's future stays the same after All-Star game

NEW YORK (AP)—This might have been Michael Jordan's final All-Star game, and it will be followed by what might be a farewell tour and what might be a last championship push.

Through it all, there will be believers and nonbelievers. Some think it's the end of the Jordan Era, some think it's all a big charade.

"How many times do you want me to say it?" Jordan asked Sunday after winning his third All-Star MVP award. "I'll say it once more. If Phil (Jackson) is not in Chicago, I'm not playing."

Jordan did not change his stance during All-Star weekend. He simply reiterated what he has been saying for weeks: If the Bulls change coaches, as management maintains it will, he will retire.

Neither side figures to blink until the playoffs are over and it's clear whether the Bulls have added to their dynasty with a sixth title in eight years.

If they win, the pressure to capitulate will be on owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause.

If someone knocks the Bulls off, management will have an excuse to rebuild the team.

"He's such a great person, a great player, that it will really hurt if we lose him," Eastern Conference All-Star coach Larry Bird said.

Bird, like nearly everyone at All-Star weekend, heard the Jordan question over and over. And like everyone, he didn't know whether to believe it.

"Michael will be here again next year and will win the MVP again," Jayson Williams said. "I don't know why Mike needs so

much drama in his life."

"I think this was his last (All-Star) game," Penny Hardaway said.

"We hope he won't retire," Gary Payton said. "We hope he comes back because he makes it more competitive."

Added West coach George Karl: "The league will learn how to function without Michael, but I'll go on record right now that I personally think Michael should continue to play."

"I think we all want to try to beat him. He has set the standard at such a height that anybody who has the opportunity wants to go after the best. And he has proven to be the best many, many times."

Jordan won the MVP award after leading all scorers with 23 points as the East beat the West 135-114. Jordan shot 10-for-18 with eight assists, six rebounds

and three steals.

"If that was his last, it was a great way to go out," Jason Kidd said. "If he does decide to retire, he's going out at the right time - out on top."

There is skepticism regarding Jordan's pronouncements because he has gone back on his word before.

When he retired in 1993 to become a baseball player, he said he was finished playing basketball.

When he returned in 1995, he wore uniform No. 45 and said he would never wear No. 23 again.

In both cases, Jordan flip-flopped.

Now, people are looking for any sliver of hedging on his part.

If he won't play or any coach other than Jackson, would he consider being a player-coach?

"No. That was just an appetizer thrown out by Phil," Jordan said.

Would he play elsewhere next season if Jackson gets a job coaching another team?

"Nowhere else," Jordan said. Would he play for the Knicks?

"No. I said I'd only do that if I was single. I'm not single," Jordan said.

Why don't people believe him?

"I don't know," he said. "I guess you'll have to wait and see. People don't want to see it or people just don't want it to happen. But this day was going to happen sooner or later."

"I've always said I would not walk out of the game limping. If I walk out of the game, I want to walk out knowing I can still play. People have to believe that."

Winter Olympics turning into battle over national symbols

By the Associated Press

One symbol is an ancient Japanese spiritual marking that resembles a swastika. The other is a commercial logo signifying global corporate business.

CBS has reasons for displaying both symbols, but only one is legitimate.

The swastikalike symbol, the Japanese manji, appears on front of the Zenko-ji Temple, the home of CBS' prime-time studio, and was seen during Olympic coverage last weekend.

Far more apparent was the Nike swoosh, which was pasted all over the apparel of the network's announcers.

CBS has tried to keep the swastika symbol off camera, but it did creep into the coverage a few times on Saturday night, drawing phone calls from viewers. Prime-time host Jim Nantz quickly addressed the question Sunday, explaining the symbol during a piece on the history of the temple.

The symbol is called the manji, or mark of 10,000. The number 10,000 in Asian tradition is a metaphor for good fortune. Today in Japan, the symbol is used in its original

meaning of temple. It is frequently seen on the front of Buddhist temples, and is often used on maps to indicate the position of temples, much like a cross is used to mark a church in the United States.

The Nazi party adapted the manji to use as the symbol for its quest for Aryan dominance. They reversed it, flipping it over right to left, and rotated it 45 degrees to create the Nazi swastika.

While the explanation for the manji is grounded in history, the presence of the swoosh is solely a financial decision. Nike, a major advertiser for the games, has outfitted CBS announcers in Nagano with jackets, turtle-necks and other apparel with its all-too-familiar swoosh. As part of the deal, the logo will be visible on announcers when they are on the air.

"That has a pretty big impact for Nike," said Fred Fried, the executive vice president of Integrated Sports International marketing firm. "You're talking about 17 days of prime-time coverage it can certainly add up."

This is not the first time the Nike logo has been at the

center of an Olympic controversy. At Barcelona in 1992, some U.S. Dream Teamers, most notably Nike endorser Michael Jordan, draped themselves with U.S. flags on the medal stand to cover the Reebok logo on their official warmup jackets.

In 1992 and 1994, CBS announcers wore apparel outfitted by U.S. Olympic Committee sponsors Sun Ice and Columbia, respectively.

Those logos, however, were not nearly as recognizable on the air as the ever-present swoosh.

To put the swoosh on these jackets, CBS had to remove the Olympic rings because Nike is not a USOC sponsor.

The news division did not agree with the deal, however, and reporters such as Harry Smith and Anthony Mason will not wear the swoosh. (On some pieces taped before the games, CBS News reporters do wear the swoosh).

TNT also rejected a sponsor's logo, a path most networks follow.

ABC, Fox and ESPN said they do not allow advertising logos to be visible on the clothes of on-air talent.

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sound football," he said. "The key thing we have to look at is that attack style of defense. We have to do things up front in the defensive line to cause blocking problems for the offense."

"In the secondary we have to disguise any coverage we have to confuse the quarterback."

Witke now has the longest tenure of any assistant coach at Eastern as he will be going into his ninth season.

Witke will remain the offensive coordinator.

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—Bob Spoo, Panther football coach

coach.”

Spoo said the experience Witke has will help him out with his new job.

“Witke has been in the business for a long time, and he knows every facet of coaching, including the responsibilities of

being a head coach,” Spoo said.

“Maturity and experience are important when you are signing anyone added responsibilities.”

As offensive coordinator, Witke has led the Panthers to many successful offensive seasons.

The 1996 Panther football team was the second most productive team in school history with 4,747 yards of total offense and 33 points per game.

With the addition of these two coaches, the only coaching vacancy remaining is one for the defensive secondary, which Spoo is expected to fill in mid-March.

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up.

They started to clog up the middle and prevent Aldrich and Lee from going nuts inside.

Of course, the shift in defensive philosophy left Lady Panther perimeter shooters open all day. So all Hendrix, Laska and Garbova had to do was hit open jumpers from mid to long range to counter the inside defense.

Unfortunately, those shots were not falling for the most part, and Eastern lost several games.

Lately, the play in the middle has picked up again for Eastern, but it has not been enough.

Lee and Aldrich were a combined 9-for-23 in the Lady

Panthers' loss to Tennessee Tech over the weekend.

Meanwhile, Tech's Diane Seng was 13-for-15.

Against Tennessee State last week, Garbova, Lee and Aldrich accounted for 52 of the Lady Panthers' 61 points. Unfortunately, the starting guards scored only five points combined in 68 total minutes of play.

It seems if the inside game is working, the outside game fails. And if the outside game is working, the inside game fails.

If the Lady Panthers are to turn things around these last few games, both the inside and outside games have to come together again.

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Doubleheader playoff games a long shot

One down, one to go.
The men's basketball team has already assured itself of a first-round home game in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.
The equation is simple. Eight of the 10 conference teams make the tournament, and the top four teams host first round games against the bottom four teams according to seeds.
So playoff basketball is already heading to Lantz Gym, but a first-round double header would be very nice.
For that to happen, the Lady Panthers have to find a way to win more than three out of every 10 games.
After a 4-1 start in OVC play, Eastern's women's team has fallen off the small face of the planet that is OVC women's basketball.
With Monday's loss to Middle Tennessee, the Lady Panthers find themselves two and a half games out of fourth place.
And with only three games remaining on the schedule, the possibilities for a first-round playoff game are dim at best.
But why has this team fallen from an encouraging 4-1 OVC start?
Aren't there five seniors on the team? And don't four of them start?
Folks, we're not looking at a young team going through growing pains. This is a mature team that has gone through the system for four seasons.
Seniors Barbora Garbova, Jess Laska, Allison Lee and Chris Bochnak have all won three letters at Eastern. Staring guard (and fellow senior) Nora Hendrix started much of last year after transferring from John A. Logan Community College.
This is a team that should have reached its potential as a senior-dominated collection of talent.
Add in the younger players contributing regularly (sophomore center Leah Aldrich and freshman guard Angel Meadows) and this team could surpass its potential.
But is the team's potential 9-14?
No.
The problem lies in the OVC teams' basic intelligence and the Lady Panthers' failure to execute.
For the first part of the conference season, Eastern had a very potent 1-2 punch of Aldrich and Lee, two taller players, in the middle. Combined with the outside shooting of Garbova and occasionally Hendrix and Laska, the Lady Panthers were able to dominate in a half-court game utilizing both the inside and outside games.
But then the OVC teams wised

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Lady hoopsters lose sixth straight

By DREW GRANGER
Staff writer

The Lady Panthers could not put the breaks on their slide down the Ohio Valley Conference Monday, losing to Middle Tennessee 79-74.

Eastern trailed the entire second half.

With 13 seconds left to play, sophomore forward Kate Atkinson hit a tree-pointer to bring the Lady Panthers to within three of the Lady Raiders.

But Middle held off the Lady Panthers as junior guard Courtney Neely hit a free throw to give The Lady Raiders the four-point win.

Eastern led by as many as eight in the first half until a 19-8 run by Middle put the Lady Raiders up by three at the half.

The Lady Raiders deep-sixed Eastern and stretched the Lady Panther losing streak to six games with the win.

Middle increased its edge over Eastern for fourth place in the conference to 2 1/2 games,

1997-98 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Team	Conf.	Overall
Eastern Kentucky	12-2	16-5
Tennessee Tech	11-3	17-6
Tennessee-Martin	9-3	12-8
Middle Tennessee	9-5	12-9
Eastern Illinois	7-6	9-12
Tennessee State	5-8	10-10
Austin Peay	4-8	9-11
Southeast Missouri	4-9	5-14
Morehead State	3-10	6-14
Murray State	2-11	3-18

Monday's results
Middle Tennessee 79 Eastern Illinois 75
Eastern Kentucky 72 Austin Peay 61
Morehead State 81 Tennessee State 78
Tennessee Tech 65 Southeast Missouri 52

Saturday's games
Tennessee-Martin @ Eastern Illinois
Morehead State @ Eastern Kentucky
Murray State @ Southeast Missouri
Middle Tennessee @ Tennessee State
Tennessee Tech @ Austin Peay

tightening its grip on an hosting a first-round playoff game.

The Lady Raiders move to 9-5 in the OVC, 13-9 overall.

The Lady Panthers slip to 7-8 in conference, 9-14 overall. It is the first time this sea-

son Eastern has been below .500 in the OVC. The Lady Panthers were at one point in first place in the conference.

Eastern ended the game shooting .431 from the floor. The Lady Panthers hit 28-of-65 shots on the night. Eastern was somewhat more successful from

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IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Lady Panther senior forward Allison Lee tries to find an open teammate in the loss to Eastern Kentucky last Monday. Eastern extended its losing streak to seven games with a loss to Middle Tennessee Monday night.

Football team fills two coaching positions

Two Eastern coaches named assistant coach, defensive coordinator

By MATT WILSON
Associate sports editor

Panther head coach Bob Spoo found replacements for the position formally filled by John Smith on Friday.

Smith, who was the defensive coordinator and the assistant head coach last year, is now the associate athletic director. Taking over as defensive coordinator will be Bob Krieger and taking over the assistant head coach position will be Roy Wittke.

"Krieger fills a void left when Smith moved up to the administration," Spoo said. "With his maturity and experience given the

time and opportunity he will do an excellent job."

Krieger will start his fifth year on the staff this year and will continue to coach the defensive line.

Krieger said the defensive coordinator job has been one he's been wanting for for a long time.

"I'm excited; this has been a long-range goal of mine that I wanted to set out and achieve," he said. "I'm excited, but on the other end it's very scary. I'm the one that's putting (defense) together and making it work on the field. This will be a great challenge."

Krieger has had experience as a defensive coordinator.

"I was a coordinator for nine years before I became a head coach in high school," he said. "The key thing is to play sound fundamental football and to get the players to



Bob Spoo

trust what you're giving to them. If they trust what you are giving them is correct they will play hard.

"Our philosophy is to swarm the ball and play fundamentally sound football. It's that kind of play that's exciting and generates big plays."

Spoo said the experience of Krieger was one of the big reasons he got assigned defensive coordinator.

"His experience is awfully important," he said. "He picks up on little subtleties that younger guys may not pick up."

Krieger said he already has a couple of ideas to help out the defense.

"One thing is we have to play fundamen-

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Eastern basketball team in hunt for championship

By MATT WILSON
Associate sports editor



IKUYA KURATA/Photo editor

Panther sophomore forward Marc Polite gets around a Morehead State defender. Eastern is in the hunt for a conference championship.

The Panther basketball team has accomplished one thing it was aiming for this season, and it is still in the hunt to accomplish the other.

With an 83-67 win over Tennessee Tech on Saturday night, Eastern guaranteed itself a home game in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference playoffs.

"It's a relief, and obviously it's a key factor to success," Panther head coach Rick Samuels said. "We felt that the last couple of weeks we've been playing better than anyone in the league. Plus, after five of seven road games you get tired of bus trips."

Panther senior guard Rick Kaye said it was important to get the home game.

"It was huge; winning on the road in the OVC is hard," he said.

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Thursday's games

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Middle Tennessee @ Austin Peay
Tennessee Tech @ Tennessee State
Tennessee-Martin @ Southeast Missouri

"We have the home crowd and we don't have to travel anywhere."

But according to Samuels the

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